

The Exemplification of the Queenes, Maiesties Letters, Pattents,

directed for the reliefe of Gregory Pormorte, Marchant of the Towne of Kingstone vpon Hull, to her Maiesties louing
Sheweth, within this Realme, for one yeare.

John by the permission of God, Bishoppe of *London* To all

Parsons Vicars, Curates, Readers and Churchwardens, within this Dioces of *London* & the Jurisdiction, of the same, sendeth grating
in our Lorde God euertasking, to the poore that for aforche as it pleased the Queenes most excellent Maiestie by her gracious Letters Pat-
tents, vnder her great Seale of England, for most speciall causes and considerations therein exprest, to licence one Gregory Pormorte of
her Towne of Hull, Marchant, (by most lamentable losses decayed) his Deputies or assignes, to collect and gather the beneuolence and
good will of all her louing subiects, wherefoeuer: for the carefull and speedy execution of whiche Letters Pattents, it hath also pleased my Lords Grace of
Canterbury, to wright his Letters vnto the right reuerent father in God, John Lord Bishop of London, to direct his Letters vnto me, as by the saide Let-
ters Pattentes, and his graces Letters, the tenours whereof hereafter ensue, appeareth.



Elizabeth, by the grace of god, Queene of England, Fraunce and

Ireland, defender of the faith, &c. To all and singular Archbishops, Bishops, Archdeacons, Deanes, and other
Officialles: Parsons, Vicars, Curates, and other spirituall persons: and to al Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, Bai-
liffs Constables, Hedborowghes and Churchwardens, and to all other our Officers, Ministers, & subiects, aswel
within Liberties as without, to whom these presents shall come: greeting, knowe ye, that we of our grace special,
certaine knowledg and mere motion, and in consideration of most lamentable losses, happened of late by Sea and
otherwise, to our welbeloued subiecte Gregory Pormort, Citizen and Marchant of Kingstone, by in Hull: in our
Countie of Yorke, viz: the loss of nine Shippes with his goods therein and watinge to many thousande poundes,
the last wherof, being a goodly new Shippe, was suddainely consumed by fire, in Hull Harbour, to the great aston-
ishing of the whole towne, and utter overthrowe of the saide Gregory his wife and children, except so ne godly con-
fort, be to him extended, which thinges as they be well knowne vnto our right trustie and right welbeloued Cousin, Henry Earle of Hun-
tingdon, Lord President of our Counsell in the North partes, Sir Henry Gates, Knight, and diuers others, so by the testimonie of the
Cremtie howse in Hull aforesaide, they doe most evidently vnder their seale appeare: and for dyuers other good causes vs therunto
mouing, haue geuen and by these presents do geue vnto the saide Gregory Pormort, his Deputies and assignes, full Libertye and licence
duringe the space of one yeare, to make knowne these his most greuous losses, to all our louinge subiects, wherefoeuer: requesting them
to extende their goodwills and beneuolence towards the comfortable reliefe of his distressed estate, who hath heretofore byn most for-
warde, as we are also certified to do good, and succour such as haue tasted of these & the like afflictions and contrarie fortunes: Where-
fore, we will and requier all Parsons, Vicars, and Curates, and all other our Officers Ministers and subiects, vpon sight of these our
Letters Pattents, or the true coppie of the same: to declare the Tenour of this our gracious meaninge vnto our louing subiects in their
Churches together, with some godly exhortation to stirre by their mindes towards so godly and charitable an intent: and that there-
vpon, the Constables and Churchwardens doe gather the peoples contribution, and set downe in wrighting the names of the geuers,
their owne names with the ministers and every of their parrishioners, which they doe bestowe towards so godly and charitable
a behoofe, In witnes whereof we haue caused these our Letters to be made Pattentes: Witness our selfe at Westm. the tenth ye
daye of June in the eight and twentieth yeare of our Reigne.

God saue the Queene.

Per breue de priuato Sigillo.
Steward.

AFTER, my right hartie Comendations vnto your Lordship, wheare as it hath pleased the Queenes most excellent Maiestie to graunt
her gracious Letters Pattentes, to one Gregory Pormorte of Hull, Marchant, for a collection to be made for the saide Gregory, in respecte of
most lamentable losses by him sustained as by the saide Letters Pattentes dothe particularly appeare: These are therefore, to desire your
Lordship, Speedily to wright your Letters, to our louinge brethren my Lords the Bishoppes of this whole Prouince to giue al good furtherance
to her Maiesties meaninge therein, that accordinge to the true intent of her highnes saide Letters Pattents, the same maye be executed for his best
benefite, as in such like case hath heretofore byn vied: and to I byd you right hartely farewell, from Lambeth: the xxvii of Iune 1586.

Your Louinge Brother,
Io: Cantuar.

These are therefore to will and requier you and euery of you publickly to reade the saide Letters Pattentes, or the true Coppie thereof, together with these
our Letters to all your Parrishioners assembled in your churches or other places to heare deuine service, vpon y Sabbaoth day or other hollidie, immediatly
after the seconde Lesson: Exhortinge and stirring by her highnes saide, louing subiects to this good worke, to the uttermost of your powers, consideringe
how graciously it hath pleased the Queenes Maiestie to tender the reliefe of this her poore subiect: AND further that you the Churchwardens, or your suffi-
cient deputies, do collect of al such parsons their said charitable beneuolence, & nor omit to wright on the backe syde, of the coppie of y saide Pattent, the countie,
the name of the parrish, the minister, your owne names, euery geuer, and what he giues, and so to deliuer ~~with the Copies of the saide Pattentes, beinge~~
~~sealed~~, to my Archdeacon, or his Commissary, at the next Court, for and to the vse of the saide poore Marchant: Thus requiering your especial care herein for the bet-
ter execution of her Maiesties will and pleasure, in this behalfe: & byd you farewell: Given this laste daye of Iune 1586.

Your very friend in Christ,

